

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 6-23 and 27-43 are active in this application, Claims 1-5 and 24-26 having been cancelled. Claims 6, 14, 21 and 27 have been rewritten as independent claims, incorporating the limitations of claim 1 from which they depended. Claim 7 has been amended to obviate the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, by writing out in full the various  $X^{2-}$  salts. This amendment is supported by the claim as originally filed and the specification as originally filed. New claims 30-43 have been added depending from claims 6, 14, 21 and 27 and based upon original claims 2-5. No new matter has been added by these amendments.

Applicants would like to thank Examiner Vanoy for the indication of allowable subject matter in the present application.

Claim 7 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. This rejection has been obviated by the present amendment.

The rejections of claims 1-5 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) have been obviated by the cancellation of these claims.

Applicants submit that the application is now in condition for allowance and early notification of such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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